turbines used for Nathpa Jhakri Project. However, it has been reported that due to high content of silt in the water, erosion/damage to the underwater parts of turbines viz. guide vanes, cheek plates, labyrinth, runner etc. is higher than normal. It is difficult to quantify the extent of damage in percentage as it varies across components and units.

(c) Ministry of Power, on 5th November, 2004 has set up a Multi Disciplinary Task Force under the Chairmanship of Member (Hydro), Central Electricity Authority with members from Central Water Commission, Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd., National Metallurgical Laboratory, Geological Survey of India and Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. to look into the problem of corrosion/ erosion by the silt and to suggest remedial measures thereof.

Also, M/s. Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (the agency operating the project) in consultation with the suppliers of the generating machines, have taken up a number of initiatives such as modification of inlet and outlet passages of the turbines, special coating on the under water parts to prevent erosion etc. A comprehensive programme to refurbish all the six units by 15.05.2005 i.e. well before on set of next monsoon in being implemented and accordingly Unit No. 2 and No. 1 have already been refurbished and put back in operation w.e.f. 7.11.2004 and 28.11.2004 respectively.

Asian Development bank loan for power projects

656. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects in the country for which the Asian Development Bank has sanctioned loan recently;

(b) the number of projects out of them proposed to be set up in Chhattisgarh;

(c) the rate of interest to be charged on the said loan by the Asian Development Bank; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to repay the said loan?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned loans for the following power projects in the country during last 5 years:

(i) Power Transmission Sector Project-II/PGCIL (Multistates).

(ii) Power Sector Distribution Project/PFC (Multistates).

(iii) Assam Power Sector Developmet Project & Programme /ASEB (Assam).

(iv) Gujarat Power Sector Development Project & Programme/GEB (Gujarat).

(v) M.P. Power Sector Development Project & programme/MPSEB (Madhya Pradesh).

(b) Under Power Transmission Sector Project-II of PGIL, 2x765 kV S/C Sipat-Seoni TL is being set up in Chhattisgarh under Sipat Transmission System.

(c) The rate of interest charged by ADB on these loans is 60 Basis Points above London Inter Bank Offer Rate (LIBOR). LIBOR fluctuates on a daily basis. The present rate of LIBOR is about 1.8% p.a.

(d) These loans are to be repaid in a period of 15 years including a grace period of 5 years.

Proposals for rural sanitation

657. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government has received any proposals from various State Governments relating to sanitation and development of rural areas during the last three years and till date;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken for the improvement of sanitation system in various rural parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir. During the past three financial years viz., 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and till date, 465 proposals for implementation of Total Sanitation Campaign in 465 districts of 30 States have been received.